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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Proposed Candidate for the Industrial College of the Armed Forces

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1. On behalf of ORE, I wish to request that you consider [redacted] Jr., as the CIA candidate for appointment to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces for the 1950-51 session.

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2. [redacted] is thirty years of age, holds a Civil Service rating of GS-13, and has been Deputy Chief of the Economic Branch in the Eastern European Division of the Office of Reports and Estimates for almost two years. He has been cleared for classified materials up to and including top secret. In view of his advanced academic training and his invaluable experience in the Soviet Union, he is ideally suited for this work.

3. In his present assignment he is responsible for assisting his chief in the direction of professional analysts regarding: (1) the major components of the economy to be studied; (2) the phases and products of the various industries to be emphasized; (3) the factors to be considered in estimating capabilities; (4) the techniques and methods to be employed in the preparation of individual estimates and in the integrated analysis of all the main aspects of the economy; (5) the sources best qualified to supply information regarding both the Soviet orbit economies and US industrial experience; and (6) the manner of presentation of data. Finally, he must assist the Chief of the Branch in programming reports and current estimates believed to be of greatest interest to US security and must assist in the review of these papers when completed.

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4. The Branch of which [redacted] is deputy is responsible for reporting on economic situations in Eastern Europe and the USSR and, most particularly, is responsible for evaluating the economic potential for war and indicators of economic mobilization for war within this area. The importance of this work in the fulfillment of this agency's mission is, of course, obvious.

5. More specifically, this Branch is repeatedly requested by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to prepare estimates of Soviet economic capabilities for war. These estimates of Soviet strength indirectly

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affect US military requirements as prepared by JCS and in turn have a bearing on US mobilization planning.

6. The Industrial College curriculum for the 1950-51 term offers courses in Resources, Requirements, Manpower, Industrial Production, Economic Potential and Mobilization, all of which are fundamental to the preparation of estimates on Soviet economic intentions and capabilities. The training offered in these courses would be invaluable to [] in his present assignment and would represent a significant contribution to the work of this Agency. It is hoped that this request may receive favorable consideration.

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